

until sunrise- Fritz and the boatswain were to keep watch until the morning. The coast might be frequented by natives, and vigilance was necessary. Whether it were Australian continent or Pacific Island, they must be upon their guard. In the event of attack they would be able to escape by putting out to sea.

Jenny, Dolly, and Susan therefore resumed their places beside Captain Gould. Frank and James stretched themselves out between the benches, ready to spring up at the call of the boatswain. But for the moment they had reached the limit of their strength, and they fell asleep immediately.

Fritz and John Block sat together in the stern and talked in low tones*

" So here we are in harbour, Mr. Fritz," said the boatswain ; " I knew we should end by getting there. If it isn't, properly speaking, a harbour, you will agree at any rate that it is ever so much better than anchoring among rocks. Our boat is safe for the night. To-morrow we will look into things/'

" I envy you your cheerfulness, my dear Block,"

Fritz answered. " This

neighbourhood does not
; inspire me with any confidence, and
our position
is anything but comfortable near a
coast whose
bearings we do not even
know."
"The coast is a coast, Mr, Fritz. It
has got